ABSTRACT

A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A THERMOSTRUCTURAL COMPOSITE MATERIAL BOWL, IN PARTICULAR FOR AN INSTALLATION THAT PRODUCES SILICON SINGLE CRYSTALS.

A composite material bowl 36 comprising fiber reinforcement densified by a matrix is made by winding a yarn on a preform 28 having an axial passage 30 through its bottom, densifying the preform by chemical vapor infiltration, and closing the passage by a plug 34. Prior to densification, the preform can be consolidated. A final chemical vapor infiltration step can be performed after the plug has been put into place.

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